

Denby Asks Navy Force of 90,000

Secretary Begins Fight to Prevent Congress From Making Reductions in Personnel.

Requests \$350,000,000

Omaha Bee Special Wire.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Secretary of the Navy Denby today began the fight to prevent congress from making drastic reductions in the navy personnel.

The secretary, in asking for an enlisted personnel of 90,000, which means an immediate release of 10,000 men, and for 6,000 apprentices, said that \$350,000,000 would be necessary to sustain the navy in the fiscal year, 1923.

Some members of the house naval committee before whom Secretary Denby made his proposals, appeared to be staggered by his figures. Several said that congress never would stand for such a sum under existing circumstances and that it was preparing to cut the navy budget to \$150,000,000.

Representative Thomas Butler of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee, said: "That will never do. Before the war in 1916, the cost of maintaining the navy exclusive of construction, was \$107,000,000. As we have taken out most of the construction by the naval limitation agreement, the people will never support a vote by us for three times this prewar cost of the navy."

Would Release 10,000.

Mr. Denby sought to impress upon the committee that his recommendations were absolutely necessary for the welfare of the navy and the country. He proposed a reduction of 10,000 enlisted men, 6,400 to be released by placing 100 destroyers out of commission and 3,600 to be cut off in contemplated economies at shore stations. These cuts, he said, would effect a saving of \$20,000,000.

"If it is found at any time," said the secretary, "that we can dispense with more men with due regard to the proper insurance of the United States against that possible attack from which even treaties do not absolutely guarantee us, the men will be withdrawn and the ships disposed of."

Secretary Denby sought to convince the committee that it is not easy to get "back to normalcy" from the vast naval expansion occasioned by the war.

Personnel Reduced.

"We had in the service December 1, 1918, 1,918,000 regular and temporary officers and 21,618 reserve officers, a total of 32,208 officers and 213,431 regular enlisted men and 267,292 reserves, a total of 480,723 enlisted men and 1,362 vessels. There were still on the ways a great number of ships, most of which have been completed and added to the navy list. The personnel has been reduced from that figure to 6,163 total commissioned officers and 100,999 men on January 1, 1922. The number of ships has been reduced from 1,362 to 900.

"The attention of the world has been focused upon the great conference recently closed which had for its purpose the limitation of armaments. The result of that conference was that Great Britain and the United States are each to have in their navies 525,000 tons of capital ships, Japan 315,000 tons and France and Italy 175,000 tons each. As figures are to be reached and maintained after the obsolescence of certain ships and their replacement during the life of the treaty. The net result today is that Great Britain is to have 22 capital ships, the United States 18, Japan 10, and France 10. The treaty made no provision for control by tonnage or by the number of ships, but in regard to auxiliary craft only the limitation that no ship shall be built exceeding 10,000 tons displacement or have guns exceeding eight-inch caliber.

"It is quite clear that the navy, both in enlisted and commissioned personnel, is underequipped today, the total personnel consisting of 6,129 commissioned officers and 96,300 enlisted men."

Prince Narrowly Escapes Injury When Pony Falls

London, Feb. 13.—The Prince of Wales narrowly escaped injury at Gwalior, central India, last Saturday, when his pony reared and fell backwards, says a dispatch to the London Times today from its correspondent, who is with the prince on his Indian tour. The prince was knocking the ball about the polo grounds, riding a pony which objected to approaching a dead ball. The pony reared and fell, but the prince was able to slip from under his mount and was only slightly shaken.

That same afternoon he rode in four races, finishing respectively second, third, fourth and unplaced.

Urge Beer Tax for Bonus

Washington, Feb. 13.—Payment of a soldiers' bonus by means of a tax on beer and light wines, was advocated today by Representative MacGregor, republican, New York, who declared during an address in the house that millions of people, disgusted with prohibition, would cheerfully pay such a tax.

Vigorously attacking prohibition, Mr. MacGregor said it was time for congress to end the "saturnalia of crime, disorder and disregard for law" which he said had resulted from attempts to enforce the 18th amendment.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon to Retire From Congress



"UNCLE JOE" CANNON

Washington, Feb. 13.—Announcement of the decision of Representative Joseph Cannon, former speaker, to retire from public life was made on the floor of the house today by Representative Walsh, republican, Massachusetts, a close personal friend of the Illinois representative.

In a brief eulogy Mr. Walsh said that members of the house would learn with regret, tinged with sorrow, of Mr. Cannon's intention to leave the house. Regret over the approaching retirement of "Uncle Joe" would be shared, Mr. Walsh added, by the country at large.

After Mr. Walsh had concluded, Mr. Cannon declared with applause for a moment or more. Many in the galleries joined in the ovation.

The former speaker was the only one on the floor to remain seated. His eyes were brimming with tears and he clutched in his lap the hat he had been wearing a few moments before.

Move Is Planned Against Heads of Irish Government

Michael Collins Cables American Association for Recognition of Irish Republic Not to Aid Plot.

By The Associated Press.

London, Feb. 13.—Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government, has sent a cablegram to the American Association for Recognition of the Irish Republic not to assist or countenance a coup d'etat which is being planned against the Irish provisional government, says a Dublin dispatch today to the London Press association.

Mr. Collins' cablegram was in reply to a message from Thomas Lyons, secretary of the American association, the Dublin dispatch adds. Mr. Lyons asked the elucidation of statements made in a previous message from Collins and concluded:

Collins Reply.

"Do you deny that England threatens war if the treaty is rejected. If so, can you obtain confirmation from the English government?"

Mr. Collins replied stated: "You know well that the alternative to the treaty, sooner or later, is a reversion to war conditions. That is the issue I want the people to decide. If they decide for war, none of you need doubt where I shall stand."

"Meanwhile, do not torpedo us. I want you not to assist or countenance the coup d'etat being planned against the new government, as witness the affair at Cork, where the departing British police had their arms seized by De Valera's supporters."

Curfew Regulation Restored in Belfast

Belfast, Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—Beginning tonight the curfew extending from 9 o'clock in the evening until 5 o'clock in the morning will be reimposed. This action was decided upon today in a conference between the lord mayor, the military commander and the police commissioner as a result of renewed disorders yesterday which continued sporadically today.

Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon a (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Posse Hunts Slayer of West Virginia Dry Agent

Dunlow, W. Va., Feb. 13.—William Mead, 45, state prohibition officer, was shot and killed at the Norfolk & Western railway station at Wells branch, two miles from here, last night. The shots came from the direction of thickets nearby. Mead was about to board a train to Wayne to deliver to prohibition headquarters three stills which he had confiscated earlier in the day.

The entire countryside was immediately aroused and a posse organized for the purpose of capturing the assassins. Officers also went to Huntington to obtain bloodhounds for use in the hunt.

30 Days for Theft.

Frank Smith was sentenced to 30 days in jail by Police Judge Foster, when J. Stein, proprietor of a store at 101 South Thirteenth street, testified Smith entered his store, picked up a watch and backed out the door, with a warning, "If you move I'll shoot." Smith denied the charge.

May Deport Volstead Violators

Kinsler Will Demand Exiling of Aliens Convicted in Federal Court of Liquor Offenses.

To Ask Jail for Others

Deportation of men found guilty of violating the federal prohibition law, when the offender is an alien, will be demanded by J. C. Kinsler, United States district attorney.

Jail sentences for violators of the prohibitory act also will be asked, Mr. Kinsler announced. His announcement was made late yesterday, following the dismissal of 31 old liquor cases. These cases were dismissed with the sanction of the prohibition enforcement office.

Decks Being Cleared.

"We are clearing the decks for more efficient action against liquor violations," said Mr. Kinsler. "From now on a man arrested on a liquor charge is to have his trial within a week of the time of his arrest."

"Judge Woodrough, I believe, is to help us facilitate these trials. It seems that jail sentences are the only means of teaching bootleggers that violation of the law is not a joke. Most of them, it would seem, are willing and able to pay large fines; but a jail sentence is different."

Mr. Kinsler expressed the opinion that in the future liquor law violators who have already been fined or sentenced in state courts will not be prosecuted in the federal courts here.

Old Cases Dismissed.

The cases dismissed yesterday had been filed before the present prohibition enforcement officer, U. S. Roberts, took office. Many of the cases already had been tried in state courts and the evidence destroyed according to state laws, it was explained. Others were started under the old revenue law, which has been superseded by the Volstead act.

Textile Workers in East Strike

Many Mills in New England Closed in Protest Against Wage Cut.

Boston, Feb. 13.—Cotton mill operations in New Hampshire and Rhode Island, with few exceptions, were on strike today in protest against wage reductions averaging 20 per cent and restoration of the 54-hour week. There were no disturbances in either state.

Many of the New Hampshire mills suspended operations before noon when it was seen that the plants could not be run with the workers who reported.

The number of employes thrown out of work by strike in New Hampshire was estimated at between 25,000 and 30,000, while in Rhode Island the list of persons affected was brought to more than 10,000.

The situation in Rhode Island marked time today, with the state guardsmen who have been ordered to be in readiness for possible duty, still in their armories.

In New Hampshire the great Amoskeag mill, which has 15,000 hands is said to be largest cotton mill in the world, closed when officials decided that the plant was not justified in operating with the reduced force that reported for work.

Pastor Absolved of Blame in Marital Trouble by Bishop

The following statement was given out by Bishop Homer C. Stuntz yesterday:

"Believing that the Omaha public has a right to know the facts in the suit for divorce which was begun by the wife of Rev. Edgar Merrill Brown, the following statement is made:

"I, after investigation by myself, by Dr. Kirkpatrick, superintendent of the Omaha district, and by the official members of the Dietz Memorial church, nothing has been ascertained which reflects upon the moral character of Mr. Brown.

"A growing lack of sympathy with his work, a bequest of several thousand dollars from his grandmother about a year ago and more or less bickering in the home show incompatibility, but nothing more.

"I personally have made every effort by correspondence and by attempt to see Mrs. Brown at her brother's home in Des Moines, to bring about the reconciliation which Mr. Brown most ardently desires. Her relatives refuse to let him see her, and for some reason I was unable to secure the interview I sought.

"At a fully attended meeting of the official board of Dietz Memorial church last Tuesday evening a unanimous expression of confidence that his pastor was without serious blame and that it desired his continuance for the immediate future in the same relation in which he has served them with considerable enthusiasm. This has been consented to by Dr. Kirkpatrick and myself, so that for immediate future his appointment as pastor of Dietz Memorial church will stand.

Witness in Arbuckle Case Eludes Police

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—A pretty young woman, thought by police to be Ley Prevost, the missing Arbuckle witness, was seen in a hotel here today. She was here for audience in New Orleans to take testimony in the case.

She was said to have descended from a rope from a third-story room to a court yard below.

The woman, who registered at the hotel last Wednesday as Mrs. Zabelle Elrux, placed no address upon the register. According to a statement made by hotel employees to the police, since coming to the hotel she had kept closely to her room.

When approached earlier in the day by local newspapermen and addressed as Miss Prevost, "Mrs. Elrux" stoutly maintained that she was not the missing actress. She declared her intention of leaving today for Cuba.

Mrs. Schreiner to Fight for Son, 8, Taken by County

Woman Who Fasted in Fremont Jail Leaves to Place Girl Twin in Kansas School.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Loretta Schreiner left for McPherson, Kan., this afternoon, where she will place her 8-year-old daughter, Levisa, in a private sectarian school, according to her sister, Mrs. Cromer Butler, late this evening.

Mrs. Schreiner, recently released from the county jail after nine days of fasting, where she was ordered to spend 10 days for refusing to send her twins to school, was scheduled to appear before County Judge Winfield enforcement agent to fight for the possession of her children.

County Wants Children.

Last Saturday County Attorney J. C. Cook filed a petition asking that the twins be taken from Mrs. Schreiner and placed in a state institution, charging that they were subject to cruel treatment at the hands of the mother. He also charged the mother is a religious fanatic and that the children are in danger of their lives.

The hearing to determine whether Mrs. Schreiner was to retain the care of her children, scheduled for Tuesday morning, was postponed late this afternoon following arrangements with Cook for the temporary absence of Mrs. Schreiner to place her daughter in school.

The son, Leross, has been in the custody of T. P. Wintersteen, county school attendance officer, and will remain in his care until Mrs. Schreiner returns and is ready for the hearing.

Will Put Boy in School.

Mrs. Butler, the sister, stated tonight that Leross will also be entered in the private school where the girl was taken, as soon as they can recover him from the county officials. She expressed the hope that the matter would be settled out of court and that the charges would not be pushed.

Mrs. Butler and Mrs. L. L. Moore, mother of Mrs. Schreiner, left this evening for their home in Wyoming, due to Mrs. Moore's health being reported as poor.

Mrs. Butler said that her sister is expected to return from Kansas in about four days, at which time the hearing will be held.

Politicians Active in Bank System Charge

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—Politicians are attempting to control the federal reserve banks system, George W. Norris, governor of the Philadelphia federal reserve bank, declared today in an address before Group 2 of the Pennsylvania banking system. Politicians either were trying to control the discount rate or to alter the composition of the federal reserve board.

"The fear which many persons had when the federal reserve system was created," he said, "was that politicians might creep into the system. For seven years it was free of politics and it is still free in the partisan sense, but recently members of congress have been endeavoring to inject politics into it by efforts to control its discount rate or to alter the composition of the federal reserve board not in accordance with any sound or recognized banking principle, but in the interest of certain classes or sections."

Grand Jury to Investigate Lynching of Texas Man

Texas, Feb. 13.—The Bowie county grand jury set February 20 as the date for an investigation into the lynching of P. Norman, shot to death by four men Saturday night. The lynching came as a climax to four days of activities by hooded men during which period, in addition to the lynching, five men were flogged, one man seized and warned, and one notified in a note signed K. K. K. to leave the city as a big cleanup was in progress.

Norman, who was being escorted from Ashdown, Ark., where he was arrested on minor charges, was believed by police to have been taken for a man wanted for murder.

Flu Decreases in N. Y.

New York, Feb. 13.—A falling off in influenza and pneumonia cases was reported by the Board of Health today. Influenza cases numbered 356 as compared with 598 yesterday. Cases of pneumonia totaled 102, a decrease of 82 over Sunday.

St. Valentine's Day



Miners to Fight for Retention of Present Scale

No General Increase in Wages to Be Asked—Little Likelihood of Strike Expressed by Lewis.

Indianapolis, Feb. 13.—No general increase of wages for soft coal miners, but the direction of all efforts toward retaining present wage scales was the policy adopted today by the scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America for submission to the union's special convention that begins tomorrow, according to semi-official information received by convention delegates.

The committee's report of wage demand to be sought as the basis of a strike was that of International President John L. Lewis, who issued this formal statement: "The United Mine Workers of America do not desire a strike. We propose to do every thing possible in a proper way to prevent such an occurrence."

At the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Twenty-fourth and Larimore avenue, Sunday night, Troop 40 attended in a body, Scoutmaster O. E. Schellberg in charge. The address by Dr. J. F. Krueger of Western Theological seminary, Fremont, Neb., dealt with the work of the Scouts.

The services at the Church of Our Redeemer were in connection with the 12th anniversary of the Boy Scout movement. This church has one of the most active Scout troops in the city.

Head of Good Samaritans Held on White Slave Charge

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—C. A. Daily, former commander of the Good Samaritan army, was arrested here today on request of federal authorities who say he is wanted for a violation of the Mann act. Daily recently deserted his wife and family, it is charged. His wife died while he was away. Daily came into the limelight when he rebelled against the Samaritan army of Chicago and organized an army of his own in Norfolk.

Nine Men Held in Murder of Man and Wife in Texas

Waco, Tex., Feb. 13.—A dragnet by county and city officers around Concord, a village near here where W. H. Barker, merchant, and his wife were slain Saturday night, and Homer Turk, 13-year-old son of a neighbor, dangerously wounded, had resulted today in the arrest of nine men. Two of them correspond to descriptions given by the Barkers' four-year-old daughter.

Barker had been shot through the head and his wife's head had been cleft with an ax. Homer Turk's skull was crushed and his condition is critical. Willie Lou Barker, the little daughter, was an eye witness to the tragedy.

The little girl remained in bed and alone in the house from the time of the attack, about 10 Saturday night, until after daylight Sunday. The wounded boy lay on the floor beside her bed unconscious and she, hearing him come in, thought he was one of the assassins and was afraid to move. She was in bed when J. L. Turk, the boy's father, entered the house and discovered the crime.

Majority of Cardinals Leave Rome for Homes

Rome, Feb. 13.—(By A. P.)—The conclave is ended, and the cardinals have already commenced to leave Rome. Horly had the coronation concluded when many of the members of the sacred college prepared to depart for their homes. All the French cardinals departed this afternoon, while throughout the day the Italians were dispersing to their various dioceses throughout the kingdom. The American cardinals are expected to stay in Italy for two or three weeks. The Spanish cardinals will depart during the present week.

Score Deputy Game Warden in Fur Prosecution Cases

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—A deputy game warden who admitted he induced Battle Creek men to buy furs from him and then arrested them for buying on the grounds that they had no license, was forced to return money collected from the men by County Attorney Tyler in justice court here. The deputy game warden was threatened with prosecution if he persisted in such methods.

Launch Anti-Dry Move in Nebraska

Opponents of Prohibition to Put Office Seekers on Record at Elections.

Organization of an anti-prohibition campaign in Nebraska is about to be undertaken by the National Association Opposed to Prohibition, according to Sidney C. Legg, its field secretary, who is in Omaha.

"We will organize a branch of our association in Nebraska," said Mr. Legg, "and we will participate actively in the congressional primary and election. We propose—our slogan will be—demand that every candidate for congress make known his position on this issue. We believe that public opinion has now reached a point where it will support our views."

The association, Mr. Legg declared, is not in favor of the restoration of the saloon. It favors 2-3-4 per cent beer and 12 cent vinous liquors.

Wounded Captain's Leg Is Amputated

The left leg of Police Captain James MacDonald was amputated between the knee and hip yesterday at Lord Lester hospital, where he has been confined since December 26, when he was injured in a fight with robbers at the Isaac Noyes pharmacy, Fortieth and Dodge streets.

MacDonald's injuries were at first thought not to be serious, but they failed to heal and, for the last two weeks the possible necessity of amputation was known.

Loss of the leg will not prevent him from serving on the police force as captain, to which he has been promoted from sergeant since the battle in which he was injured.

Stockholders Must Pay for Subscribed Stock

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 13.—A determined effort to collect all unpaid subscriptions for stock in the defunct Midland Packing company will be made in court in which \$3,000,000 is involved by H. G. McMillan, the receiver.

Judge James D. Elliott of Sioux Falls, S. D., has signed an order authorizing Mr. McMillan to file suits in the federal court against all stockholders having outstanding notes which were given in payment for stock in the Midland Packing company. Mr. McMillan also is authorized to start suit against all banks and trust companies holding such notes.

Judge Elliott signed the order upon application of Mr. McMillan. The Midland stock is held by thousands of investors in this territory.

Oklahoma Bank Robbed

Pawhuska, Okl., Feb. 13.—Two unmasked men this afternoon robbed the American National bank here of about \$100, locked the cashier and a number of other persons in the vault and kidnaped the assistant cashier.

Man Condemned to Hang Is Forced to Take Food

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Harvey Church, condemned to be hanged next Friday for murder, must live to die on the gallows, county jail officials decided today, so they broke his hunger strike by forcibly feeding him through a tube. "Church will die, but it will be the rope around his neck and not the belt around his waist that will be tightened," said Warden Westbrook in announcing that the prisoner had been forcibly fed.

German Sea Line Resumed

Bremen, Feb. 13.—The North German Lloyd yard resumed its sailings for New York, interrupted by the war, the steamship Zeydlitz departing with 25 passengers and a mixed cargo. The company will supplement the United States line service with semi-monthly sailings of its own steamers.

Ponzi I Scored by U. S. Judge

"Sergeant Breckenridge," Known in Omaha, Tells Story of Operations in Chicago Court.

Short Over \$4,500,000

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Smiling and without visible embarrassment, Raymond J. Bischoff told Judge Landis today the story of his financial ventures, maintaining throughout his innocence of any intentional wrong doing.

"I have always loved adventure and loved to take a chance," he said in reply to questions from his receiver's attorney.

"While employed at a local packing market, I dabbled in the stock market. Then, just at a time when I was about \$10,000 to the good, a friend asked me to raise money to pay interest on a mortgage on his home. He put in \$250 and adding an equal sum I gambled in stocks. We won—won big.

Be sieged by Friends.

"Dozens of friends then brought me money to invest for them. I decided I was wasting my time in a packing plant and opened an office, announcing that I would deal in finances generally.

"My friends and their friends brought me their money and in return I gave my personal promissory note. I gambled in stocks—mainly oil—and frequently won big returns for my investors. I played absolutely fair with them.

"Then I tried to obtain control of an oil well in Louisiana. I put hundreds of thousands into it, and just when I thought I had won, I learned I had been double crossed by return shop brokers and that I was not even close to controlling the well. My money—my investors' money—was gone.

Decides to Reorganize.

"I decided to reorganize my company, use different methods in investing and fight my best to get back the money my friends had trusted to me. They continued to come in with their savings, but for many days I have refused to take a cent for investment. I told them they would have to wait until I completed my reorganization. I was honest with them.

"Then a few got uneasy and filed receivership proceedings. Sunday night they told me they would drop the proceedings if I wished. I refused. I want all of this to come in the open, for I have been president—although unfortunate—and I have nothing to fear."

Judge Landis questioned Bischoff closely as to whether he had dealt with the Bolan syndicate of El Paso, Tex. He said he had not and the judge ordered investigators to get in touch with the syndicate. Then Judge Landis took personal charge of the examination, shooting rapid-fire questions at Bischoff. The judge then called Mr. Davis and learned that he had not and had supplied the money for their \$20,000 home and three expensive automobiles.

"Where'd You Get That Coat?"

"And where'd you get that fur coat?" the judge asked.

"Raymond gave me the money," was the reply.

"And he got it from hundreds of poor hard-working families whom he swindled," bitterly shouted the judge. "That coat that keeps you so comfortable represents swindled money that would have kept many a poor family from winter."

The judge issued injunctions restraining anyone from disposing of the Bischoff home or automobiles, although he had no authority to do so.

Lincoln Eulogized by Iowa Representative

Washington, Feb. 13.—Abraham Lincoln was eulogized as a "marvelous man" by Representative Green, republican, Iowa, in a prepared address to the house today. He declared that the civil war president "never varied his policy, never misjudged the needs of the hour and never so much as thought of shaping his course for his own political interests."

Despite bitter and unfair criticism, the people, Mr. Green asserted, had unlimited confidence in Lincoln's rugged honesty and his wonderful power of clear expression.

"He was denounced as a tyrant and even ridiculed as an imbecile," said the speaker, adding that in spite of such attacks his memory today gives "the worker hope, the statesman, courage and the patriot fortitude."

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